

Dear FCC,I am sure you have been overwhelmed with email on this Amateur Radio Petition for Rule Making. I have a few comments that I hope will be worthy of your time and consideration.

The 'number one' issue I see with this proposal is the lack of 'Upgrade Incentives'. AN entry level license should be an ENTRY level license, not a STOPPING PLACE for those who are not interested enough in Amateur Radio to progress and grow.

Amateur Radio has been a proud hobby. I feel CW does not prevent the 'best of the best' from entering Amateur Radio. It does separate the Amateur's from the lawless CB masses. If you only want large numbers of licensees on the FCC database, go totally no code !

If you want trained, law biding, educated people interested in radio and electronics, the people that can provide the "reservoir within the amateur radio service of Trained operators, Technicians, and Electronic Experts."

You CANNOT reduce the requirements to the point every person in the USA will have a license. You will eventually arrive at another CB, a problem, you must admit is of such magnitude it is totally uncontrollable. Please don't go there again!

What other countries do, in regard to CW is up to them, to totally eliminate it, will be a decision that will haunt the FCC for years, and would most likely be the final demise of amateur radio.

Summary, I feel this proposal has LITTLE to NO MERIT, and should be dismissed. It is too generous for a beginners license. Limit the duration of any entry license to encourage advancement, not stagnation. Limit the spectrum to a Taste of HF, again to encourage advancement. Leave the present Technician and Tech+ license alone, no auto advancement is required. Combine the Advanced and Extra into one license requiring 5wpm CW.

Please, at least for now, take a 'middle of the road' approach as outlined in RM-10868 by the RAF , or RM-10867 by the ARRL.

Sincerely Yours
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